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**Director Stephen W. Mayberg Names Members to the California
Mental Health Planning Council**

Sacramento--Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., Director of the Department of Mental Health announced the following new appointments and reappointments to the California Mental Health Planning Council.

Mrs. Norma Bordelon of Woodland Hills, has been involved with mental health programs for more than 30 years. She has served as Chair of the Camarillo State Hospital and Developmental Service Advisory Board and the Camarillo State Hospital Advisory Board and former member of the Presidents Committee for Mental Retardation. Mrs. Bordelon, a former member of the Planning Council is appointed to a *Family Member* position.

Ms. Carmen Lee of Belmont, created and manages the Stamp Out Stigma Program, a speakers program designed to give first hand information about mental illness by using consumers as spokespersons. She has extensive experience in public speaking both in California and nationally. Ms. Lee is a member of the San Mateo Commission on Disabilities, the California Network of Mental Health Clients and the Peninsula Network of Mental Health Clients. Ms. Lee earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley. Ms. Lee is appointed to a *Consumer* position.

Mr. Vernon S. Montoya of San Diego, has been a mental health client advocate for 28 years and a former member of the California Mental Health Planning Council. He has served on the San Diego County Mental Health Board, the California Association of Mental Health Boards and Commissions, the Boards of Directors of the San Diego Mental Health Association and the California Network of Mental Health Clients, a statewide organization. He has participated in the DMH's Managed Care committee, the Cultural Competence Advisory Task Force and the Southern Regional Committee on the Future of State Hospitals. Mr. Montoya is a member of the California Network of Mental Health Clients and is currently active in the California Memorial Cemetery Restoration Project. He earned his Associate in Arts degree from San Diego Mesa College. Mr. Montoya is appointed to a *Consumer* position.

Ms. Alice Washington of Sacramento, is a Training, Policy & Research Associate with the California Institute for Mental Health where she is working on homeless mentally ill and recovery programs. She has been a member of and has served on the Board of the California Network of Mental Health Clients. She was also employed by the Network to develop the Peer Training Project that focused on training consumers in self-help and leadership. Ms. Washington is a member of the DMH's AB 2034 Homeless Mentally Ill Advisory Committee. Ms. Washington earned her Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University. Ms. Washington is appointed to a *Consumer* position.

Mrs. Beverly K. Abbott of Woodside, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is self-employed as a mental health consultant and has 30 years of experience working in the mental health field. She has served as Director of San Mateo and Marin County Mental Health programs. She is a member of the Women's Mental Health Policy Council and the American College of Mental Health Administration. Mrs. Abbott earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Vermont and her Masters of Social Work degree from San Diego State University. Mrs. Abbott is appointed as a *Consumer Related Advocate*.

Antony Louis Stately, Ph.D of Los Angeles, is the Program Director of Seven Generations Child and Family Counseling Services of United American Indian Involvement, Inc., a program that provides mental health services to American Indian children and their families throughout Los Angeles County. Dr. Stately's background includes work with a number of childrens' mental health programs, support groups as well as counseling for gay Native American men, women and youth in the Los Angeles area. Dr. Stately has extensive training and clinical experience in working with multiple ethnicities including African American and Latinos groups, as well as with the poor, homeless and severely mentally ill. He is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Society for Indian Psychologists. Dr. Stately earned his Bachelor of Arts from Antioch University and his masters and doctorate degrees from the California School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Stately is appointed as *Consumer Related Advocate*.

Director Mayberg reappointed the following Planning Council Members:

Darlene Prettyman	Family Member
Dorene Cease	Family Member
Jonathan Nibbio	Professional Provider
Susan Mandel	Professional Provider
Lucia Ortega Rodriguez	Professional Provider

The California Mental Health Planning Council, established to fulfill federal and state mandates for mental health planning, advises, reviews and makes recommendations regarding all components of California's mental health system and reports as necessary to the Legislature, the State Department of Mental Health, local boards and programs. The Director of the Department of Mental Health appoints 32 of the 40-member council composed of family members, consumers, consumer-related advocates and professional providers. The other positions on the Council include representatives eight state agencies: Social Services, Health Services, Housing and Community Development, Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, Education, Mental Health and the California Health & Human Service Agency. Members of the Planning Council do not receive a salary but are reimbursed for travel expenses to Council meetings which are held quarterly.

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